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Wahda fil Aibada Sonam Kalra & The Sufi Gospel Project In Tunis, 28-30 September, 2014

An 8-member Indian musical troupe **Sonam Kalra and the Sufi Gospel Project** is visiting Tunis from 28-30 September, 2014 under the Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Tunisia. The Ministry of Culture, Republic of Tunisia and the Embassy of India to Tunisia will organize a musical performance *Wahda fil Aibada* by the troupe on Tuesday, 30 September, 2014 at 07.00 pm at Theatre Municipal, Tunis.

- 2. Ms. Sonam Kalra, the leader of the cultural troupe is a vocalist whose skill spans both Indian and Western musical traditions. She has trained in Indian classical music and studied varied genres of Western music including classical opera, jazz and gospel.
- 3. 'The Sufi Gospel Project' is an effort to blend the many different voices of faith, through the use of song, music and the spoken words. Traditional western gospels meld with Indian classical sounds, and Indian spiritual texts are enriched by elements of western poetry, to create a sound that touches every soul. No matter what the language of the lyrics is, or the ethnicity of the sounds, there is but one language, the language of faith. And that is the universal truth.
- 4. The troupe comprises players of different Indian classical music instruments like *sarangi*, *flute*, *tabla*, the famous Indian percussion instruments and also has a jazz pianist and guitarist.

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